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Do you have any questions for us? If so. write them here and we will try to answer them for you.

ONE GOD

THERE IS ONE GOD. There can only be one God. All other gods are false.

As the Holy Bible teaches, anyone who says that there is no God is a fool. Man only needs to look at the world in which he lives to know that there is a God. The world itself demands a Creator. The many forms of plant and animal life, each perfectly made, prove the existence of a very clever and skilful designer. The nature of the sun, moon and stars show that someone made them. That Someone is God.

> *"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."* (Genesis 1:1)

On the **first** day God said,

> *"Let there be light."* (Genesis 1:3).

Immediately the first rays of sunlight shone through the darkness.

> *"God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. God called the light 'day' and the darkness he called 'night'."* (Genesis 1:4,5)

On the **second** day God separated the waters, and so the sky appeared.

On the **third** day God said,

> *"Let the water under the sky be gathered together to one place, and let dry ground appear ... And it was so. God called the dry ground 'land' and the gathered waters he called 'seas'. And God saw that it was good."* (Genesis 1:9,10).

On this same day the great God told the earth to produce grass and trees. God was delighted with his creation.

On the fourth day God made the sun and the moon and stars. The greater light (the sun) was to rule during the day. The lesser light (the moon) was to rule during the night. All the millions of stars were brought into existence by the true and living God.

On the fifth day God created the fish to swim in the ocean, and the birds to fly in the sky. The great sea animals like whales, the big fish and the little fish, the kites, the sparrows and all the birds of the air were made by the Creator.

On the sixth day God created the animals and everything that crawls on the ground. The bears, the lions and the elephants, the ants and the flies were all brought into existence by the ONE true God.

As the final act of creation God said,

> *"Let us make man."* (Genesis 1:26)

God took the dust of the ground and formed man. He breathed life into his nostrils (nose) and man became alive.

Only the true God could create a world so big and beautiful as this world. There is only ONE true God. The true God is the Creator of the universe. What is the true God like?

One of the best ways to find about God is to study his characteristics. Some of them are:

1. ***God is present everywhere at the same time.***

God says that no one can hide from him. God is present in every country at the same time. The prophet David said,

> ***"Where can I go from your Spirit?...If I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me."*** (Psalm 139:7,9,10).

If we try to hide in darkness or in Hell, God can still see us.

2. *God knows everything.*

He knows every thought and secret of our hearts. The prophet David once said,

> *"Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely, O Lord."* (Psalm 139:4)

We may be able to hide things from men but we cannot hide anything from God.

> *"Can anyone hide in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth?"* (Jeremiah 23:24)

3. *God controls everything.*

God not only created the universe, but he keeps it going. He controls all the movements of the earth. He controls the sunshine and the rain.

4. *God is eternal.*

He never had a beginning and he will never have an end. God always was and always will be.

> *"Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God."* (Psalm 90:2)

5. *God is just.*

Everything that he does is right and honest.

> *"Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty. Just and true are your ways."* (Revelation 15:3)

6. *God is holy.*

> *"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Hosts."* (Isaiah 6:3)

God ever was, and ever will be absolutely holy.

It is one of his characteristics. Because God is holy, he must punish people who sin. Our evil deeds are sin. God hates the evil things we do. He hates sin and loves goodness.

7. God is merciful.

The prophet David said,

> ***"You are kind and forgiving, O Lord, abounding in love to all who call to you."*** (Psalm 86:5)

Even though God hates the bad things that we do, he does have compassion and mercy toward us. He loves us but he does not love our sin. He wants us to be honest and just. Most of all, God wants men and women to love him

Do you love God? He loves you but he does not love your sin.

TEST NO. 1

On the line drawn at the right hand side, write the letter of the correct answer. Only one of the three answers is correct. For èxample:

The name of this course is:
a) One God Many Ways
b) Three Gods One Way
c) One God One Way. c.

"c" is the correct answer so you write the letter "c" in the space.

1. God is present --
   a. only in one place at one time.
   b. only in two places at the same time.
   c. everywhere at the same time. c

2. On the fourth day of creation God made --
   a. the sun, moon and stars.
   b. fish and birds.
   c. man. a

3. God wants --
   a. only men to love him.
   b. only women to love him.
   c. men, women and children to love him. c

4. On the last day of creation God --
   a. divided the earth and the sea.
   b. made man.
   c. said, "Let there be light." b

5. God loves --
   a. our sins.
   b. us and our sins.
   c. us, despite our sins. c

6. Why does God punish sinners?
   a. Because he is a holy God.
   b. Because he is a cruel God.
   c. Because he is a powerful God. a

7. What did God say on the final day of creation?
   a. Let man evolve.
   b. Let me make man.
   c. Let us make man. c

8. Complete the sentence below using a word from the lesson.

   " God always was and always will be."

Answer either TRUE or FALSE

9. There is only one true God. TRUE ~~FALSE~~

10. God knows what I am thinking. TRUE

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LESSON 2

ADAM AND EVE

(Genesis 2 & 3)

The first man and woman who lived on the earth were never born. Every human being who has lived, except Adam and Eve, was born into the world as a baby. Adam and Eve had a different experience. They were created directly by God.

On the sixth day of creation God took some dust of the ground and formed a man. He breathed into the man's nostrils the breath of life and the man became the first human being. God called this man Adam. Adam was created by a direct act of God.

Because God realized that it was not good for man to be alone, he decided to make a helper for Adam. God made Adam sleep a deep sleep. While Adam slept, God opened up Adam's side, took a rib bone out of him and closed up the flesh. From the rib, God made a woman. Adam called the first woman's name Eve.

God planted a garden and there he put the man and the woman. He said to them,

> ***"Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground."*** (Genesis 1:28)

God brought all the animals and birds to Adam.

> ***"Adam gave names to all the livestock, the birds of the air and all the beasts of the field."*** (Genesis 2:20)

In the garden where Adam and Eve lived, there were many beautiful trees. God commanded Adam and Eve saying,

"You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die." (Genesis 2:16-17)

Adam and his wife were told to live in the garden and eat as much as they wanted from the trees but they were not to eat from this one tree. If they did, they would disobey God's commandment.

Now Satan is the father of all wickedness, lying and evil. He whispered to them,

"When you eat of it (the tree) your eyes will be opened and you will be like God." (Genesis 3:5)
"When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and was pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate it." (Genesis 3:6)

Satan tempted them to disobey God's command by lying to them. Satan had deceived them.

When Adam and Eve had tasted of the fruit, they realized they were naked, and began to sew leaves of the garden together to cover themselves. When they ate the fruit, they disobeyed God. This was sin. Because they committed this direct act of disobedience to God, they became sinners.

God called to them and said,

"What is this you have done?" And the woman said, 'The serpent (Satan) deceived me, and I ate.'" (Genesis 3:13)

God put a curse upon Satan. God said,

"I will put enmity (hatred) between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head and you will strike his heel." (Genesis 3:15)

God made coats of skin to cover the nakedness of Adam and Eve. An animal was killed and the skin was given to them for a covering. Because Adam and Eve sinned, an innocent animal had to die so that they might be clothed.

Because Adam and Eve disobeyed God's command, God sent them out of the garden. Now Adam had to work hard. God had cursed the ground. Adam would no longer easily have food. It would be hard work, and there would be much pain and suffering.

By one man's disobedience all were made sinners.
"Therefore just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned." (Romans 5:12)

We are all children of Adam. Like Adam we have all disobeyed God. We have all failed to do the right things.

"All have sinned..." (Romans 3:23)

Like Adam, we need a covering. An animal died to provide a skin to cover Adam and Eve. We, too, must find a covering for our sins.

TEST NO. 2

On the line drawn at the right hand side, write the letter of the correct answer.

1. Adam and Eve were permitted to eat the fruit from --
   a. all trees except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.
   b. Only the tree of the knowledge of good and evil
   c. all the trees in the garden. c a

2. God made Adam from --
   a. wood
   b. a rib
   c. dust of the ground c

3. Adam gave names to --
   a. the stars
   b. the animals and birds
   c. only the animals b

4. God made Eve out of --
   a. wood
   b. a rib
   c. dust of the ground h c

5. Adam and Eve were sent out of the garden by --
   a. God
   b. an angel
   c. Satan a c

6. How many people have sinned against God?
   a. Only Adam and Eve
   b. Only some bad people
   c. Everybody has c

7. Who is the father of all wickedness and evil?
   a. God
   b. Satan
   c. Adam h c

8. God made a covering for Adam and Eve. What died so that they could be covered?
   a. Leaves
   b. A snake
   ✓c. An animal   c

9. When Adam and Eve ate of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil --
   a. They disobeyed God's command.
   b. They did what God had told them to do.
   c. God had not given them a command.   a

10. When Adam and Eve disobeyed God --
   a. God said it was not a bad thing.
   b. Their disobedience was called sin.
   c. It was just a mistake.   b

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LESSON 3

CAIN AND ABEL

(Genesis 4:1-16)

The first baby to be born into the world was a little boy. Adam and Eve, his parents named the baby Cain. After some time, another baby boy was born into this first family. The second son was named Abel. Because Adam and Eve had sinned their children were also born sinners before God.

As the two brothers grew, they became interested in different kinds of work. Abel loved to watch his father's sheep. He would guide them into good pasture and lead them to water. He also protected them from the wild animals which tried to kill the sheep. Cain was not interested in animals. He liked to dig the ground, plant seeds and watch the fruit and vegetables grow.

Although they did different kinds of daily work, they both claimed to worship the ONE true God. Because they wanted God to look on them with favour, they decided to bring offerings to him. However, they chose different offerings. Cain went into the field, gathered some vegetables from the ground and offered them to God. Cain's offering, in one sense, was the work of his own hands. He had dug the ground, sown the seed and picked the fruit when it was ripe. Actually he was saying to God, "Look, this is what I have done."

Abel's offering was entirely different. He took some of the firstborn lambs of his flock, killed them and offered them to the true God. God was pleased with Abel's offering and accepted him. (Hebrews 11:4) God would not accept Cain because he brought the wrong kind of an offering. The Holy God cannot accept any offering that is the result of sinful man's efforts.

Abel had faith in God. Cain trusted in his own works.

Cain was jealous because God accepted Abel's lamb and refused his fruit. He became very angry and decided to kill Abel. One day when they were working in the field. Cain killed his brother Abel. This was the first murder.

God was very displeased with Cain. Because Cain killed Abel, God had to punish Cain severely. God put a curse upon Cain for the evil deed he committed. Cain was punished for the rest of his life because he killed his brother.

Both Cain and Abel believed in ONE God. Both Cain and Abel professed to worship the true God. It is not enough for someone to believe on the fact that there is ONE God. It is not sufficient to desire to worship the true God. Like Abel, to be accepted by God, we must have the right kind of an offering. Cain had to make a choice. He had to choose the kind of an offering he would bring to God. He decided to bring the fruit of the ground which represented his own efforts. He made the wrong choice.

You have to make a choice. You have to decide the kind of an offering you will bring to God. You can make the same choice as Cain and bring God the works of your hands. God can not and will not accept these. You can make the same choice as Abel and bring an offering which will be accepted by God. You must have the right offering to be accepted by God.

TEST NO. 3

At the right hand margin insert on the line the letter of the correct answer. Only one of the three answers is correct.

1. Abel had --
   a. faith in his own works.
   b. faith in Cain.
   c. faith in God. c

2. Abel wanted to be --
   a. an athlete.
   b. a farmer.
   c. a shepherd. c

3. God accepted Abel because --
   a. he believed in the existence of one God.
   b. he was a good boy.
   c. he brought the right kind of an offering. c

4. Cain wanted to be --
   a. an athlete.
   b. a farmer.
   c. a shepherd. b

5. The first murder was committed by --
   a. Cain.
   b. Abel.
   c. Adam. a

Complete the sentences written below using words from the lesson.

6. When Cain offered vegetables to God he trusted in the work hard of his own offerung.

7. Abel offered to God some of the first born Lamb of his flock.

8. God put a Curse upon Cain because of the evil thing he did.

Answer either TRUE or FALSE

9. Both Cain and Abel believed in ONE God. True

10. God will accept us if we offer Him the works of our hands. False

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THE PROPHET NOAH

(Genesis 6:1 - 9:17)

The Preacher of Coming Judgment

Noah lived hundreds of years after Cain and Abel. During these years many thousands of people were born. The people living on the earth had turned away from the true God. They rebelled against God and began to worship false gods. When Noah was born, the world was in a terrible condition. People made themselves evil by practising the worst kinds of sin that could be imagined.

> ***"The Lord saw how great man's wickedness on earth had become, and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time."***
>
> ***"God saw how corrupt the earth had become for all the people of the earth had corrupted their ways."***
>
> *And God said to Noah,* ***"I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them. I am surely going to destroy both them and the earth."*** (Genesis 6:5,12,13)

God told Noah to build an ark (a huge boat). This was God's provision for Noah and his family to escape the awful judgment coming on the earth. While Noah built the ark, he preached to the people. He warned them of the coming judgment of God. He told the people that God was righteous and therefore because of their sins he was going to destroy them. They must repent and turn to God from their wickedness, so that he might have mercy on them.

But the people did not listen to his preaching and did not take any notice of his warnings. They mocked and laughed at

him. The time came when Noah finished building the ark. The Lord then said to Noah,

> *"Go into the ark, you and your whole family, because I have found you righteous in this generation."* (Genesis 7:1)

God did not want to destroy all the animals and birds. To preserve some of them, God commanded Noah to take a male and female of every beast and fowl with him into the ark. After Noah, his wife, his three sons and his sons' wives went into the ark God shut the door. Noah, his family and the animals were on the inside of the ark. All those who had disobeyed Noah's message were on the outside.

God's day of judgment began. The rain poured down from heaven. There were floods all over the land. The people fled to the hills and the mountains; but

> *"all the high mountains under the entire heavens were covered. The waters rose and covered the mountains . . .Every living thing that moved on the earth perished - birds, livestock, wild animals, all the creatures that swarm over the earth, and all mankind. Everything on dry land that had the breath of life in its nostrils died."* (Genesis 7:19-22)

Why did God do this to man? It was because of their sins that they drowned. Only those who went into the ark were saved from the awful death which God sent on the earth. Noah and his family found refuge in the ark. Those who had sinned and would not listen to God's warnings perished.

The judgment of God (the rain) poured down on the people and destroyed them. The judgment of God (the rain) poured down on the ark but the people inside were safe. The ark suffered the judgment of God but those who were inside did not suffer any judgment.

God must punish all those who sin against him. All men are guilty of sinning against God. Because you have sinned, you will suffer the judgment of God unless, like Noah, you have a place of refuge. God has provided a place of refuge so that you may escape his judgment. Do you want to be saved from God's judgment?

TEST NO. 4

On the line drawn at the right hand side, write the letter of the correct answer.

1. God told Noah to make --
   a. an ark (a huge boat).
   b. a well.
   c. a house. a

2. Where was the only shelter from God's judgment?
   a. on the top of a mountain.
   b. in the ark Noah built
   c. on the earth God made. b

3. God looked down upon people in the world and saw that -
   a. they were wicked.
   b. they were good.
   c. they were half wicked and half good. a

4. The ark was a place of refuge for --
   a. Noah only.
   b. the animals only.
   c. Noah, his family and also animals. c

5. As Noah preached to the people they --
   a. thought he was a good preacher.
   b. believed what he was saying.
   c. laughed at what he said. c

6. Who was outside the ark when the judgment began?
   a. the sons of Noah
   b. all those who disobeyed
   c. the wives of Noah's sons b

7. Why does God punish man?
   a. Man has done nothing to deserve God's punishment.
   b. God does not punish anyone at all.
   c. Man has sinned against God. c

8. Who shut the door of the ark?
   a. God Himself
   b. Noah himself
   c. Noah's son

Answer either TRUE or FALSE

9. If we want to escape the results of God's judgment we must find a place of refuge.

10. God has provided a refuge for you to escape his judgment.

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LESSON FIVE

THE PROPHET ABRAHAM

The Friend of God

Abraham was known for his great faith in God. One day God told Abraham to leave his country and his relatives and go into a new country. Abraham obeyed God. He left his home not knowing where God would lead him. God spoke to Abraham and said,

> ***"I will make you a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those that bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."*** (Genesis 12:2,3)

Abraham had two sons. Their names were Ishmael and Isaac. One day as Abraham prayed to God he asked,

> ***"If only Ishmael might live under your blessing!"*** (Genesis 17:18)

Abraham's great desire was that Ishmael and his children might find favour with God.

> ***God answered and said, "As for Ishmael, I have heard you; I will surely bless him; I will make him fruitful and will greatly increase his numbers. He will be the father of twelve rulers, and I will make him into a great nation."*** (Genesis 17:20)

God wants every child of Ishmael to live in a way that pleases Him. He wants each individual to love and serve Him. However, He cannot accept any of Ishmael's children in their sins. They must be cleansed from their sins.

> ***"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."*** (1 John 1:9)

At the beginning of this lesson we said that Abraham was noted for his great faith. Perhaps the greatest test of Abraham's faith was when God asked him to take his son and offer him as a sacrifice.

One day God called to him and said,

"Abraham". "Here I am", he replied.

Then God told Abraham to take his son whom he loved and

"go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains I will tell you about."

"Early the next morning Abraham got up and saddled his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac."

After three days of travelling, Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance.

Abraham said to his servants,

"Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you." (Genesis 22:1-5)

As Abraham and his son walked towards the place God had chosen, Isaac asked his father a question.
"Father", he said, "we have everything for the sacrifice except an animal to offer." (Genesis 22:7)

Abraham turned to his son and said,

"God himself will provide the lamb." (Genesis 22:8)

When they reached the place God had told him, there Abraham built an altar upon which he placed the wood. He bound his son and laid him upon the wood. Then Abraham drew his knife from its sheath and raised it to slay his son.

"But the angel of the Lord called out to him from heaven, 'Abraham! Abraham!' 'Here I am,' he replied.

'Do not lay a hand on the boy,' he said. 'Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son.'" (Genesis 22:11-12)

Abraham looked behind him and saw a ram caught in a bush by its horns. Abraham took the ram and offered it instead of his son. The ram was a substitute. The ram took the place of Abraham's son. The ram's blood was shed instead of the blood of Abraham's son. A innocent ram was killed for no fault of its own.

We have sinned. God cannot look upon sin. God must punish sin. We cannot be accepted by God unless we have our sins taken away. We cannot take our sins away by ourselves. We must have someone else do it for us.

Just as the ram took the place of Abraham's son, so you must have someone to take your place. That someone must have no sin of his own. If he does have sin of his own, he cannot take your sin away. You need someone who has no sin of his own to take your sin away. If you have someone like this, you will be accepted by God.

Do you want to know who can do this for you? Keep on studying and you will read about the One who is able and willing to be your substitute.

TEST NO. 5

At the right hand margin insert on the line the letter of the correct answer. Only one of the three answers is correct.

1. The animal which died instead of Abraham's son was --
   a. a cow.
   b. a horse.
   c. a ram. c

2. God can only accept Ishmael's children --
   a. in their sins.
   b. when they are cleansed from their sins.
   c. when their good deeds exceed their evil deeds. b

3. Abraham was known for --
   a. his money.
   b. his camels.
   c. his faith in God. c

4. Our sins can be taken away by --
   a. Satan because he is the father of sin.
   b. someone who has no sin of his own.
   c. ourselves because we are sinners. b c

5. The one who cannot look upon sin is --
   a. God.
   b. man.
   c. an angel. a b

Complete the sentences below using words from the lesson.

6. Abraham prayed that Ishmael might live under God's bless.

7. God promised to Ishmaels curse anyone who cursed Abraham.

8. The greatest test of Abraham's faith was the when god asked to take sacrifice of his son.

Answer either TRUE or FALSE

9. God told Abraham to offer his son as a sacrifice. TRUE

10. The ram was a substitute. TRUE

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LESSON SIX

THE PROPHET MOSES

(Exodus 1:1 - 12:51)

The Leader of God's People

Moses was one of the most amazing leaders who has ever lived. He led more than a million people on a journey which lasted forty years. Today it would be considered foolish for any man to lead such a large crowd of people across the desert. Yet Moses accomplished this seemingly impossible task. Let us look at this great leader's life.

Moses was born in Egypt. His parents were Israelite slaves under the great Egyptian Pharaoh. This Pharaoh issued a decree that all male children of the slaves must be killed at birth. When Moses was born his mother was afraid he would be killed. She hid him in their house for three months. When she could not hide him any longer, she made a little basket, covered it with tar and placed Moses inside. She carried the basket down to the river and floated it on the water. Some time later Pharaoh's daughter came to the river and saw the basket floating on the water. She opened the basket and found baby Moses. She made arrangements for Moses to be kept by a nurse and gave instructions for him to be brought to the palace.

As Moses grew up, he received all the education that could be obtained in Egypt. He was a very brilliant man. Although Moses lived in the Pharaoh's palace he knew that he was not an Egyptian. One day while walking, he saw an Egyptian beating an Israelite slave. Moses did not like this because he was an Israelite too.

> ***"Glancing this way and that and seeing no one, he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand."*** (Exodus 2:12)

Pharaoh heard about this and tried to kill Moses. Moses ran into the desert and lived there forty years.

One day while Moses was watching the sheep, he noticed that a bush was burning. This fire was different from all other fires. The fire burned but the bush was not burnt up. When Moses went to look more closely a voice called,

"Moses, Moses. " Moses replied, "Here I am."

God spoke to Moses out of the bush and said,

"Do not come any closer ...take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." (Exodus 3:5)

God told Moses that he had heard the cries of the slaves in Egypt and that he was going to deliver them.

God said to Moses, *"I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt."*

But Moses said to God, *"Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"*

And God said, *"I will be with you."*
(Exodus 3:5,10-12)

Moses obeyed God's command and asked Pharaoh for the release of the slaves. Pharaoh laughed and told Moses that the Israelites could not leave Egypt.

Then God sent plagues on the Egyptians because Pharaoh would not let the children of Israel go. All the water in the land was turned to blood. Millions of frogs, lice, flies and locusts plagued the land. The cattle became sick. The people became sick with boils. The sky became dark and hailstones rained down from heaven. God sent all these things upon Egypt because Pharaoh would not let the slaves go.

God told Moses that because Pharaoh had disobeyed, the Lord would send one more plague on Egypt. At midnight the eldest son in every family, high and low, would die.

Moses told the Israelites to put the blood of a lamb on the sides and the top of their door. If they did this, they would be safe. The angel of the Lord passed over the house where the blood had been applied. In all the houses where the blood had not been applied, the eldest son died. God said,

"When I see the blood, I will pass over you."
(Exodus 12:13)

That night many children died in the land of Egypt. However, because the children of Israel put the blood on their doors, they escaped the judgment of God.

You are under the penalty of death.

"The wages of sin is death." (Romans 6:23)

Because you are a sinner, you must die. Because you sin you must be sent away from God. However, God has provided a way to escape his judgment. Like the slaves, you must apply blood to your heart and life so that God can say,

"When I see the blood I will pass over you."
(Exodus 12:13)

How do you apply the blood? What kind of blood do you apply? Keep studying and soon you will find the answers.

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TEST NO. 6

On the line drawn at the right hand side, write the letter of the correct answer.

1. Moses led --
   a. one hundred people to Egypt.
   b. ten thousand people to the wilderness.
   c. more than a million people out of Egypt. c

2. Moses was born in --
   a. Lebanon.
   b. Egypt.
   c. Palestine. b

3. The wages of sin is --
   a. life.
   b. death.
   c. heaven. b

4. God said he would pass over the people when he saw --
   a. blood
   b. water.
   c. a lamb a

5. God sent --
   a. Noah to Pharaoh.
   b. Pharaoh to Moses.
   c. Moses to Pharaoh. c

6. What did God speak to Moses from?
   a. a burning house
   b. the heavens above
   c. a burning bush c

7. Who has made a way to escape judgment?
   a. Pharaoh.
   b. Moses.
   c. God. c

8. Why does God have to send us away from his presence?
a. because we are humans.
b. because we are sinners.
c. because he wants to. b

Answer either TRUE or FALSE

9. Moses killed an Egyptian. True False

10. The last plague that God sent was death. Truth

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LESSON SEVEN

THE PROPHET DAVID

The Man after God's Own Heart

The prophet David was a great musician. He loved to write songs. He also loved to play the harp and sing his songs. Some of the songs that he wrote tell us about his experiences.

One clear night when the stars were shining in the sky, David was out in the fields caring for his father's sheep. As he looked up into the sky and saw the twinkling lights, he wrote this song:

"O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens...
When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,
What is man that you are mindful of him?" (Psalm 8:1-4)

The prophet David found it difficult to realize that God's creation was so great and vast. He could not understand how God, who made this huge universe, could be interested in man. David was amazed at the fact that the God who created the moon and the stars was interested in all the affairs of man.

On another occasion the prophet David wrote about his great Shepherd. He said that the Great Shepherd offered him a BLESSED LIFE.

"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall lack nothing, he makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul, he guides me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake." (Psalm 23:1-3)

In the same song he spoke of a BLESSED DEATH.

"Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me,
your rod and your staff they comfort me." (Psalm 23:4)

He concluded this song by telling of his hope for a BLESSED ETERNITY.

"You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies, you anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows. Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever." (Psalm 23:5,6)

David had a wonderful hope. He experienced a BLESSED LIFE, knew he would have a BLESSED DEATH, and looked forward to having a BLESSED LIFE AFTER DEATH. Do you have such a hope for your life? You can, if you, like David, are willing to ask God to forgive your sins. The prophet David cried,

"Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin." (Psalm 51:2)

David spoke many times in his songs about a man who would be scorned (made fun of in a nasty way), despised (looked down upon) and mocked (laughed at).

"I am a worm and not a man, scorned by men and despised by the people.
All who see me mock me, they hurl insults,shaking their heads... (Psalm 22:6,7)

David also said that this man would be treated cruelly.

"Dogs have surrounded me,
a band of evil men has encircled me...
They divide my garments among them
and cast lots for my clothing."
(Psalm 22:16,18)

David also said that this one would SUFFER IN DEATH.

"The cords of death entangled me ...
The cords of the grave coiled around me:
The snares of death confronted me."
(Psalm 18:4,5)

Even more than that, the prophet David said that it would be a cruel and painful death.

"All my bones are out of joint...
They have pierced my hands and feet...
I can count all my bones..... (Psalm 22:14.16.17)

About whom was David speaking when he said these things? He was not speaking of himself, because these things did not happen to him.

David was speaking of one who would die for your sins. Keep studying and you will learn more about the one who died to forgive your sins.

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TEST NO. 7

On the line drawn at the right hand side, write the letter of the correct answer.

1. What did David write?
   a. songs
   b. letters
   c. books ______a______

2. David cared for his father's --
   a. sheep.
   b. cows.
   c. horses. ______a______

3. What did David say was difficult to understand about God?
   a. that God was interested in man
   b. that God made the heavens
   c. that God made the earth ______a______

4. What was David's wonderful hope?
   a. a blessed life and a terrible eternity.
   b. a blessed life and a terrible death.
   c. a blessed life, a blessed death and a blessed eternity. ______c______

5. David often spoke about a man in his songs. What did he say about this man?
   a. He would be full of gladness.
   b. People would scorn and mock him.
   c. He would die a peaceful death. ______a______

6. What did David ask God to do about his sin?
   a. To wash it away and cleanse him from it.
   b. To forget it and never remember it.
   c. To weigh it against the good things he did. ______a______

7. David spoke of a man who would die a terrible death. How did David say that man would die?
   a. He would be murdered by a crazy man.
   b. His hands and feet would be pierced.
   c. He would die of a painful disease. ______c______

Complete the sentences below using words from the lesson.

8. David said, "Even though I walk through the valley of the

   __Shadow__ of __death__ I will fear no evil."

9. David said, "The __Lord__ is my Shepherd."

10. David also said, "Surely __goodness__ and

    __love__ will follow me all the days of my

    life."

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JESUS CHRIST

In the first seven lessons we learned many important truths. Let us look back at the lessons and review some of these thing.

Lesson One - **ONE GOD**

In this lesson we noticed that the true God created the world. We also learned some of the characteristics of God. He is a merciful God. Because he is a merciful God, he can have compassion on us.

Lesson Two - **ADAM AND EVE**

In the second lesson we read the story about Adam and Eve who sinned and disobeyed God. We noticed how the merciful God provided a covering for them. An innocent animal died to provide this covering for Adam and Eve.

Lesson Three - **CAIN AND ABEL**

This lesson taught us that we must bring the right offering to be accepted by God. It cannot be like Cain's offering (his own works) because God will not accept such an offering. It must be like Abel's offering (an offering of blood).

> ***"Without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness."***
> (Hebrews 9:22)

Lesson Four - **THE PROPHET NOAH**

Noah's shelter from God's judgment was the ark. We must have a shelter from God judgment against sin.

Lesson Five - **THE PROPHET ABRAHAM**

We saw a ram take the place of Abraham's son. The ram was a substitute. We, too, must have a substitute.

Lesson Six - THE PROPHET MOSES

In this lesson we learned how the slaves escaped the awful plague of death. They applied the blood to the doors of their houses. We must also have blood applied to be saved from God's judgment.

Lesson Seven - THE PROPHET DAVID

David spoke of one who was going to suffer for his sin.

If we want to be accepted by God, we must find someone who is able to fulfil all of these requirements.

This person must be a covering like the covering provided by the slain animal for Adam and Eve.

This person must be an offering like the one Abel brought to God.

This person must be a sheltering place like the ark was for Noah and his family.

This person must be a substitute like the ram was for Abraham's son.

This person must apply the blood so that we can escape the judgment of death as the slaves did in Moses's time.

This person must fulfil all of David's prophecies about being mocked, scorned and put to death with pierced hands and feet.

Who can that person be? Do you know a person who can fill every detail of the requirements? There is only one such person who can fill these requirements. That person is Jesus Christ. There is not another person who can measure up to these standards. God says,

> ***"For there is no other name under heaven given to men, by which we must be saved."*** (Acts of the Apostles 4:12)

When did Jesus Christ fulfil all of these requirements? When was he a covering? When was he a substitute? When did he apply the blood? Was it during his life? No. He did not apply the blood in his life. When did he do all of these things? There is only one answer - when he died. When he died he became the covering; when he died he became the offering. When he died he applied the blood. When he died he fulfilled every detail of what Adam, Abel, Noah, Abraham, Moses and David spoke about. It was not in his life on earth, but in his death that he fulfilled all the conditions and requirements.

> ***"So Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people."*** (Hebrews 9:28)

The blood of Jesus Christ cleanses from all sin.

His death was not a defeat. His death was a victory. He death was a triumph. How was it a triumph? It was a triumph when he died, because then it was made possible for you to be acceptable to God. Apart from the death of Jesus Christ, you cannot be acceptable to God.

The death of Jesus Christ was not the end. God raised him from the dead. This was one of the most amazing events in history. Jesus Christ rose from the dead and went back to heaven to be with God.

Which did Jesus Christ fulfill all of these requirements? When was he a spotless? When was he a substitute? When did He apply the blood? Was it during his life? [illegible] He did not apply [illegible] it during life. Which did he do all of these things? There is only one answer — when he died. When he died he fulfilled the covering, when he died he became the substitute. When he died he applied the blood. When he died he did the things that God told Adam, Abel, [illegible] Abraham, Moses and David to do. [illegible] it was not in his life on earth, but in his death, he fulfilled all the conditions and requirements.

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TEST NO. 8

On the line at the right hand side, write the letter of the correct answer.

1. Without the death of Jesus Christ man is --
   a. righteous.
   b. acceptable to God as he is.
   c. a sinner who needs salvation. b

2. When Jesus Christ died, he died as --
   a. a martyr (shaheed).
   b. a substitute.
   c. an example of self-sacrifice only. b

3. Jesus Christ's death was --
   a. a defeat.
   b. a triumph.
   c. a tragedy he tried to avoid. b

4. A person may be cleansed from all his sins by --
   a. his good deeds.
   b. his religion.
   c. the blood of Jesus Christ. c

5. Adam and Eve needed a covering.
   Who can be our covering?
   a. clothes
   b. an animal skin
   c. Jesus Christ b

6. Abel had an acceptable offering.
   Who can be our acceptable offering?
   a. Abel
   b. Jesus Christ
   c. my deeds a

7. Who fulfilled all of David's prophecies?
   a. Moses
   b. David
   c. Jesus Christ c

Answer either TRUE or FALSE

8. Jesus Christ rose from the dead. TRUE

9. Jesus Christ in his death fulfills the prophecies of the former prophets. TRUE

10. Only Jesus Christ's death is able to save us. TRUE

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ONE WAY!

Just as surely as there is only ONE God, so there is only ONE way to heaven. What is that way?

Is it by prayer? No, it is not by prayer.

Is it by good deeds? No, it is not by good deeds.

Is it by paying money? No, it is not by paying money.

Is it by doing the best you can? No, it is not by doing the best you can.

What then is the way to Heaven?

Jesus Christ said, **"I am the Way."** (John 14:6)

Please send this book back to us in the envelope provided. We will mark your course and send you a new course to do. By studying these courses carefully you will understand more fully what Jesus Christ meant when he said, **" I am the way."**

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